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REFERENCE: A) 76 BA-7634; B) 76 BA-3700.

1. ON JUNE 4, 1977, THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY ISSUED RESOLUTION 485/77 SETTING FORTH RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL IMPORT PROGRAMS FOR SECOND HALF 1977.

2. THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES INTRODUCED BY NEW RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1) THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN" INFORMATION REQUIREMENT OF PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS IS ELIMINATED IN FAVOR OF A SIMPLE "COUNTRY OF EMBARKATION" DELCARATION ITEM THEREBY REMOVING ONE SOURCE OF UNDERTAINTY FOR IMPORTERS IN CLEARING LANDED GOODS; 2) IMPORTERS ARE NO LONGER OBLIGED TO DECLARE THE TYPE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO BE USED AS PAYMENT; THE DOLLAR FOB AMOUNT DECLARED IS USED
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ONLY FOR STATISTICAL AND CONTROL PURPOSES; 3) SWORN DELCARATIONS FOR SECOND HALF IMPORT PROGRAMME CAN BE USED TO SUPPRORT SHIPMENTS MADE DURING THE FIRST HALF 1977, BUT NOT COVERED BY CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER FIRST SEMESTER REGIME.

3. ALTHOUGH NEW RULES CONTINUE POLICY OF GRADUAL

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LIBERALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE, IMPORTER OF RAW AND SEMI-PROCESSED MATERIALS, AND FINISHED GOODS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAPITAL GOODS) MUST STILL SUBMIT A "SWORN DECLARATION OF NEED TO IMPORT" FOR EACH PRODUCT ITEM TO BE IMPORTED BY COUNTRY SPECIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL BTN NO., SO AS TO OBTAIN IMPORT "CERTIFICATES" ENABLING BANKS AND CUSTOMS TO HANDLE IMPORT OPERATIONS. AS BEFORE, BANKS AND CUTOMS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ALLOW ON SHIPMENTS A TEN PERCENT VARIATION OVER AMOUNT APPEARING ON CORRESPONDING "SWORN DECLARATION" (SEE PARA 4 OF REFTEL A). OTHER PROVISIONS OF PREVIOUS REGIME (RESOLUTION 794/76) DESCRIBED IN PARA 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF REFTEL (A) CONTINUE TO APPLY. "SWORN DECLARATIONS" FOR SHIPMENTS TO BE EFFECTED DURING SECOND HALF ARE TO BE SUBMITTED FROM JUNE 6 TO NOVEMBER 23, 1977 FOR SHIPMENTS THROUGH DEC 31, 1977.

4. COMMENT: IN PRACTICE, AT PRESENT ALL SWORN DECLARATIONS ARE BEING APPROVED AUTOMATICALLY. IN VIEW OF ARGENTINA'S RECORD FOREIGN RESERVES, THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT THIS FORM OF LICENSING WOULD BE ABOLISHED ALTOGETHER. THEIR RETENTION IS READ BY SOME AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO MAINTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY INTACT TO DEAL WITH POTENTIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE CRISES. AN EQUALLY UNCLASSIFIED

LIKELY EXPLANATION IS THAT THE GOA WISHES TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT STATISTICAL DATA ON THE INTENTIONS OF IMPORTERS, TO BE USED AS A LEADING INDICATOR TO PROJECT IMPORTS. (THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN TRADE REQUIRES IMPORTERS TO SUBMIT DECLARATIONS ONLY IF THEY ARE POSITIVE THAT THEY WILL IMPORT THE MERCHANDISE SO DECLARED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING THE FIRST HALF, IMPORTERS OVERSTATED INTENTIONS IN ORDER TO EXAGGERATE THEIR PRIOR IMPORT HISTORIES, WHICH, IN PREVIOUS REGIMES, DURING ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE CRISES, HAD BEEN USED TO ALLOCATE IMPORT CERTIFICATES. THIS PRACTICE RESULTED IN THE COLLECTION OF DATA WHICH OVERESTIMATED ARGENTINE IMPORTS DURING THE FIRST HALF BY A FACTOR OF THREE. SINCE NEW RULES DO NOT REQUIRE A PUCHASE ORDER TO BE ATTACHED TO THE DECLARATIONS
A THIRD RATIONALE FOR RETAINING THE "SWORN DECLARATION" CERTIFICATES HAS BEEN GIVEN PUBLICLY BY TRADE OFFICIALS: IT IS THEIR DESIRE TO RETAIN THE SYSTEM OF LICENSING BECAUSE OF THE LEVERAGE IT GIVES THEM IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER

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